(i) Growth Centres (ii) Integrated Infrastructure Development Centres (IIDC) (iii) Transport Subsidy Scheme (iv) Capital Interest Subsidy Scheme and (v) Comprehensive Insurance Scheme (vi) Central Interest Subsidy Scheme and (vii) Central Excise & Income-tax exemption with a view to develop infrastructure facilities and to promote investment in the North Eastern States. The funds for all the schemes under North East Industrial Policy are now channelised through a single agency—North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFI).

(b) Annual Plan Funds are released through the Planning Commission to the North Eastern States on the basis of 10 per cent loan and 90 per cent grants, being special categories states. Under the Growth Centre Scheme and Transport Subsidy Scheme of Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion 100% assistance is given to North Eastern States.

FDI proposals in mining sector

1534. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FDI proposals in the mining sector in Jharkhand received since the opening of the mining sector to private participation; and

(b) the present status of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) During the period from 1.8.91 to 30.9.2001, no FDI proposal in the mining sector has been approved for Jharkhand.

Liberalisation of FDI Policy

1535. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make Foreign Direct Investment Policy more Liberal;

(b) if so, the new areas Government propose to allow FDI to come in; and

(c) the total quantum of FDI that has come in to the country during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have already